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1. The 3rd railroad subdistrict office, Berlin, has been dissolved and its area has been merged with that of the 2nd railroad subdistrict office of the Berlin railroad district. Some of the employees of the dissolved subdistrict office were discharged. 1
2. In early June 1953, VP Senior Lieutenant Hansche (fnu), together with members of the Soviet transportation control headquarters in Berlin, checked the loading facilities available at various railroad stations of the Berlin railroad district.
3. On 8 June, the following railroad facilities available at the Dallgow-Doberitz railroad station and all stations of the Nordring Berlin, were checked by members of the Soviet transportation control headquarters:
 - a. Loading ramps,
 - b. turn-out tracks,
 - c. water supply,
 - d. lighting facilities,
 - e. storage facilities,
 - f. properties of station area.The investigations also covered the number of industrial establishments which used to load bulk goods at the railroad stations involved. 3

4. [redacted] four guarded locomotives kept "cold" but service-able near Beeskow. 4

5. [redacted] all locomotives previously parked at Blumenhagen had left. Some locomotives of the locomotive column in Strassburg left for Loeknitz, where 14 locomotives were counted. 4

6. [redacted] the following coal reserves were available on the days mentioned:

8 June 12 June

Ruhr coal	:	1,300 tons	1,300 tons
Other type hard coal	:	94,600 tons	95,400 tons
Brown coal briquettes	:	56,300 tons	54,600 tons

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7. Sizeable coal reserves have been built up at the East Freight Station, Berlin, since mid-May. Prior to 9 June, approximately eight carloads of coal arrived daily at the storage point. Although some of these cars had to wait up to three days before they could be unloaded the flow of coal was not reduced. Coal bins available were not adequate for the increased deliveries of reserve coal. 6

8. On 1 June, Senior Lieutenant Chernozub (fnu) of the Soviet transportation control headquarters was replaced by Captain Ponomarenko (fnu). 7

9. [redacted] the following numbers of freight cars were available in East Germany:

Operational cars: 94,817 units;
non-operational cars: 38,995 units including 22,439 damaged cars;
10,859 special purpose cars and 5,697 reserve cars.

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

the 3rd railroad subdistrict office, Berlin, was dissolved. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. VP Senior Lieutenant Hansche (fnu) is known to be assigned to the VP transportation control headquarters, Berlin.

3. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that these checks were made in order to determine the loading and unloading capacities of the railroad stations involved.

4. [redacted] Comment. Information on the transfer of locomotive column No 12 in Blumen-
hagen, probably to Loecknitz, was transmitted previously. [redacted]
The transfer of elements of locomotive column No 6 in Strassburg to Loecknitz was reported for the first time.

5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] hard
coal and brown coal briquette stocks increased by 1,300 and 1,000 tons respec-
tively. According to a daily coal consumption quota of 17,900 tons, the coal
reserves available were adequate for 8.5 days' requirements as against 8.3 days'
requirements on 7 June. Since reserves of raw brown coal, coke and coal dust,
which were not included in the present report, amounted to about 1.4 days' re-
quirements, coal adequate for 9.9 days' operations was available on 12 June 1953.

6. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the measures observed were of local import-
ance only, because total coal stocks of the East German Railroads were not in-
creased.

7. [redacted] Comment. Senior Lieutenant Chernozub (fnu) was previously known as being
assigned to the Soviet transportation control headquarters, Berlin.

8. [redacted] Comment. The last count made on 24 May 1953 resulted in a total of
123,455 freight cars available in East Germany. As to the different results
of these counts reference is made to previous information. [redacted]
For original tabulation of freight cars available on 28 May. See Annex.

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